

In the Claims:

1-60. (Cancelled)

61. (New) A method comprising:

comparing each of a plurality of user profiles with a target user profile of a first user associated with a media player device to select a matching user profile from the plurality of user profiles; and

effecting selection of a playlist of a matching user associated with the matching user profile for delivery to the media player device.

62. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the matching user profile is one of the plurality of user profiles most similar to the target user profile.

63. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein a plurality of playlists including the playlist are stored by at least one server, each of the plurality of playlists is a playlist of one of a plurality of users including the matching user, and each of the plurality of users is associated with one of the plurality of user profiles.

64. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein the step of comparing is performed by the at least one server storing the plurality of playlists.

65. (New) The method of claim 64 further comprising communicating the playlist from the at least one server to the media player device.

66. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein the step of comparing is performed by the media player device.

67. (New) The method of claim 66 further comprising requesting delivery of the playlist from the at least one server to the media player device.

68. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein the at least one server comprises a central server.

69. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein the at least one server comprises a plurality of peer media player devices forming a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) network.

70. (New) The method of claim 69 wherein comparing each of the plurality of user profiles with the target profile of the first user associated with the media player device to select the matching user profile comprises, at each peer media player device from the plurality of peer media player devices, comparing a one of the plurality of user profiles associated with a user of the peer media player device and the target user profile.

71. (New) The method of claim 63 further comprising effecting delivery of the playlist from the at least one server to the media player device.

72. (New) The method of claim 71 further comprising automatically updating the playlist at the media player device in response to a change made to the playlist by the matching user.

73. (New) The method of claim 71 further comprising filtering the playlist to remove at least one item that is not compatible with the media player device.

74. (New) The method of claim 71 further comprising filtering the playlist to remove at least one item that is not compatible with a location of the media player device.

75. (New) The method of claim 71 further comprising editing the playlist at the media player device to further include items played in excess of a threshold rate at the media player device.

76. (New) The method of claim 71 further comprising editing the playlist at the media player device to remove items played less than a threshold rate at the media player device.

77. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the media player device is a dedicated media player device.

78. (New) A media player device comprising:
a communications interface communicatively coupling the media player device to a network; and
a control system associated with the communications interface and adapted to:
compare each of a plurality of user profiles with a target user profile of a first user associated with the media player device to select a matching user profile from the plurality of user profiles; and
effect delivery of a playlist of a matching user associated with the matching user profile from a server storing the playlist to the media player device.

79. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the matching user profile is one of the plurality of user profiles most similar to the target user profile.

80. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the server is a central server.

81. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the server is one of a plurality of peer media player devices forming a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) network.

82. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the playlist is automatically updated at the media player device in response to a change made to the playlist by the matching user.

83. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the control system is further adapted to filter the playlist to remove at least one item that is not compatible with the media player device.

84. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the control system is further adapted to filter the playlist to remove at least one item that is not compatible with a location of the media player device.

85. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the control system is further adapted to edit the playlist at the media player device to further include items played in excess of a threshold rate at the media player device.

86. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the control system is further adapted to edit the playlist at the media player device to remove items played less than a threshold rate at the media player device.

87. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein the media player device is a dedicated media player device.

88. (New) The media player device of claim 78 wherein a plurality of playlists including the playlist are stored by at least one server including the server, each of the plurality of playlists is a playlist of one of a plurality of users including the matching user, and each of the plurality of users is associated with one of the plurality of user profiles.

89. (New) A server comprising:
a communications interface communicatively coupling the server to a media player device via a network; and
a control system associated with the communications interface and adapted to:
store a plurality of playlists each associated with one of a plurality of users;
compare each of a plurality of user profiles of the plurality of users with a target user profile of a first user of the media player device to select a matching user profile from the plurality of user profiles, the matching user profile associated with a matching user from the plurality of users;
effect selection of a playlist of the matching user from the plurality of playlists for delivery to the media player device; and
communicate the playlist of the matching user to the media player device.

90. (New) The server of claim 89 wherein the matching user profile is one of the plurality of user profiles most similar to the target user profile.

91. (New) The server of claim 89 wherein the control system is further adapted to automatically update the playlist at the media player device in response to a change made to the playlist by the matching user.

92. (New) The server of claim 89 wherein the media player device is a dedicated media player device.

93. (New) A method comprising:

identifying a select playlist from a plurality of playlists to be delivered to a media player device of a first user, the select playlist being that of a second user;

effecting delivery of the select playlist to the media player device; and

automatically updating the select playlist at the media player device of the first user in response to a change made to the select playlist by the second user.

94. (New) The method of claim 93 wherein automatically updating the select playlist comprises automatically adding a media content item to the select playlist at the media player device in response to addition of the media content item to the select playlist by the second user at a remote location.

95. (New) The method of claim 93 wherein effecting delivery of the select playlist to the media player device comprises effecting delivery of the select playlist from a server storing the plurality of playlists to the media player device.

96. (New) The method of claim 93 wherein effecting delivery of the select playlist to the media player device comprises effecting delivery of the select playlist to the media player device from a first peer media player device of a plurality of peer media player devices forming a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) network and storing the plurality of playlists.

97. (New) A method comprising:

receiving, at a remote control, a playlist from a remote source; and

presenting the playlist to a first user associated with the remote control such that the first user is enabled to select at least one item from the playlist for playback by a media player device associated with the remote control.

98. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein the playlist is further communicated from the remote source to the media player device.

99. (New) The method of claim 97 further comprising communicating the playlist from the remote control to the media player device.

100. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein the remote source stores a plurality of playlists including the playlist and the plurality of playlists are associated with a plurality of users, and the method further comprising:

comparing each of a plurality of user profiles of the plurality of users with a target user profile of the first user associated with the remote control to select a matching user profile from the plurality of user profiles; and

effecting selection of a playlist of a matching user associated with the matching user profile from the plurality of playlist as the playlist to be communicated to the remote control.

101. (New) The method of claim 100 wherein the matching user profile is one of the plurality of user profiles most similar to the target user profile.

102. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein the remote source is a central server.

103. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein the remote source is a peer-to-peer network formed by a plurality of user devices, and receiving the playlist comprises receiving the playlist from one of the plurality of user devices.

104. (New) The method of claim 103 wherein each of the plurality of user devices forming the peer-to-peer network is a user device selected from a group consisting of: a media player device and a remote control.

105. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein the remote source is the media player device.

106. (New) A remote control comprising:

a communication interface communicatively coupling the remote control to a remote source via a network; and

a control system associated with the communication interface and adapted to:

receive a playlist from the remote source; and

present the playlist to a first user associated with the remote control such that the first user is enabled to select at least one item from the playlist for playback by a media player device associated with the remote control.

107. (New) A method comprising:

receiving, at a media player device, a playlist from a remote source; and

communicating the playlist from the media player device to a remote control associated with the media player device, wherein, at the remote control, the playlist is presented to a first user associated with the remote control and used by the first user to select at least one item from the playlist for playback by the media player device.

108. (New) A media player device comprising:

a communication interface communicatively coupling the media player device to a remote source via a network; and

a control system associated with the communication interface and adapted to:

receive a playlist from the remote source; and

communicate the playlist from the media player device to a remote control associated with the media player device, wherein, at the remote control, the playlist is presented to a first user associated with the remote control and used by the first user to select at least one item from the playlist for playback by the media player device.